

RESOLUTION NO. 95-540

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY; AND  
REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR**

- (1) - TO PROCLAIM A STATE EMERGENCY; AND  
(2) - TO REQUEST A PRESIDENTIAL DECLARATION**

**WHEREAS**, Section 8630 of the Government Code mandates that a local emergency may be proclaimed only by the governing body of a local agency, or, if it has been previously declared by an official designated by the governing body, such local emergency must be ratified within 7 days by the governing body of the local agency, and

**WHEREAS**, Board of Supervisors does hereby find:

That conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen in Mariposa County, caused by the closure of Yosemite National Park; and

That losses estimated by the lodging industry, Mariposa County's largest industry, are anticipated to exceed \$5 million dollars if the Government shut-down continues through the holiday season and that without the revenues from this historically crucial season, the continued viability of some of these businesses is in doubt; and

That in consideration of the multiplier effect of these catastrophic revenue losses on other businesses in the County, the total damage to Mariposa County's economy will be many times that amount, and this amount is irreplaceable by any action of the Federal government which caused this tragedy; and

That layoffs necessitated throughout the lodging industry, are estimated to exceed 25% of the total work force of Mariposa County, which will soon put an additional burden on the weakened businesses through unemployment expenses as well as on County safety-net programs; and

That the cornerstone of funding for the entire range of County Government services, including the highest priority of the electorate, public safety programs, is threatened, and while the prudent reserves accumulated in the past by the Board of Supervisors are adequate to transition the County over a short-term shutdown, continued public uncertainty about the future of the Park's operations will permanently reduce County revenues for months and perhaps years to come; and

That the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of a local emergency;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED** that a local emergency now exists throughout Mariposa County; and

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that during the existence of the local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the emergency services organization of the County shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and by resolutions of Mariposa County approved by the Board of Supervisors; and

**WHEREAS**, it has now been found that local resources are unable to cope with the effects of this emergency;

**NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor of California with the request that he proclaim the County of Mariposa to be in a state of emergency; and further that the Governor request a Presidential Declaration of Emergency.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the State Director of the Office of Emergency Services.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that Mike Coffield, County Administrative Officer and Emergency Services Officer, or his designee, is designated as the local Hazard Mitigation Coordinator of the County of Mariposa for the purpose of assessing damage with Mariposa County and consulting with federal/state survey teams about hazard mitigation actions; and

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that Mike Coffield, or his designee, is hereby designated as the authorized representative for public assistance, and Mike Coffield, or his designee, is hereby designated as the authorized representative for individual assistance of the County of Mariposa for the purpose of receipt, processing and coordination of all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain available state and federal assistance.


**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa, a political subdivision of the State of California, this 26th day of December, 1995 by the following vote:

AYES: REILLY, BALMAIN, STEWART, PARKER, TABER


NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAINED: NONE

  
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GARRY R. PARKER, Chairman  
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

  
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MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

  
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JEFFREY G. GREEN, County Counsel

MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

CONFORMED AGENDA  
DECEMBER 26, 1995  
SPECIAL MEETING

9:02 a.m. Board convened with all members present, in a Special Meeting called by Chairman Parker (pursuant to Government Code Section 54956) for the purpose of consideration of an action to declare a local emergency due to the closure of Yosemite National Park with the Federal government shutdown.

Mike Coffield, County Administrative Officer, advised that notice of this Special Meeting was delivered to each Board member, the newspapers and posted at the Courthouse giving notification of this meeting.

Mike Coffield further reviewed the consequences the closure of Yosemite National Park has had on the County and the community and its businesses; and reviewed the draft resolution and possible benefits the proclamation of a local emergency may bring. Discussion was held. Jeff Green, County Counsel, provided input relative to his review of this matter. Dan Tinnel/Fire Chief-Emergency Services Officer, commented on funding issues for proclaiming a local disaster.

(M)Reilly, (S)Taber, Res. 95-540 adopted proclaiming the existence of a local emergency; and requesting the Governor: 1) to proclaim a State emergency, and 2) to request a Presidential Declaration of Emergency/Ayes: Unanimous.

Chairman Parker thanked County Administrative Officer, County Counsel and Emergency Services Officer for their assistance with this matter.

9:21 a.m. ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

MARGIE WILLIAMS  
Clerk of the Board


## NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

GARRY R. PARKER, Chairman of the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, hereby calls a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors (pursuant to Government Code Section 54956) for:

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1995, at 9:00 a.m.,**

in the chambers of the Board of Supervisors in the Mariposa County Courthouse, Mariposa, California, for the purpose of consideration of an action to declare a local emergency due to the closure of Yosemite National Park.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 1995.

  
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Garry R. Parker, Chairman  
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors